



Baker City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting

June 27, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Sam-O Park

Board Members Present: Rick Taylor, Jeff Nelson, Gail Duman, Lisa Jacoby, Mark Bogart

Board Members Absent: Linda Collins, Kim Mosier

Guests Present: Clair Button

Staff Present: Joyce Bornstedt

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Additions or Modifications to Agenda

Dog Park discussion added to Old Business

Approval of May 17, 2016 Minutes

A motion was made by Duman with a second by Bogart to approve the minutes with the correction of a spelling error under Old Business-Grant Application Updates. All voted in favor.

Old Business

Adopt-A-Pathway

Since the presentation to City Council at their June 14th meeting, Bornstedt verified the City Council approved the Adopt-A-Pathway program at a City Council meeting in September, 2006. Bornstedt will confirm with Mayor Mosier that no further action is required to proceed.

Grant Application Updates

Bornstedt reported that our grant request to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department/LGGP was unsuccessful for Court Plaza project. She also reported that a grant application "Bark for your Park" was submitted requesting \$25,000. It is anticipated award recipients will be announced in August.

Cedar Acres Park Playground Improvement

A motion was made by Taylor to proceed with the purchase of a playground structure as proposed by the group through email discussions. After much discussion about talking to the neighborhood, it was decided due to our limited timeline that playground equipment that can be purchased and installed within a \$15,000 limit, will be completed. Ideas to obtain neighborhood input for future park improvements were discussed. Second was made by Duman. All voted in favor and the motion passed. Jacoby offered to let the Public Arts Commission/Ann Mehaffey know when the old swings are removed. The group discussed types of playground surface material, such as rubber based or wood chip. There was a question if the rubber material would be ADA compliant. Bornstedt will continue to research surface material options.

Bornstedt applied on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Board to host the playground installers. This will entail providing hotel accommodations and food at an estimated cost of \$1,800. As there are no park funds available to assist with these costs, ideas were shared on how to have these things donated.

Dog Park Update

Clair Button presented a parts list from Home Depot for fencing material. Button estimated the total cost of materials only will be under \$10,000. This does not include installation. The "big dog" park enclosure will be 200 ft wide x 150-190 ft long. The

“small dog” park enclosure needs to have a 10 ft buffer from the residence fence. Button indicated any existing fence will be utilized and that the fence added should be a minimum of 6 ft tall. It was noted that there are no funds for installation of the fencing, so volunteers will be needed. Discussion followed about potential parking areas, including the need to have one or two 10 ft wide drive in access gate(s) for equipment, and their possible locations. Button and Bornstedt also addressed the issue of irrigation/water system, and that weed treatment is needed.

There was further discussion about “Bark for your Park” (\$25,000 grant), other fundraising efforts, and the need for volunteers to do ground maintenance.

Other Business

It was brought to the attention of the group that several Park and Recreation Advisory Board members’ terms will expire in July. Bornstedt stated she will advertise to fill these positions, with a target date to appoint the new members by 7/19/16.

New Business

None

Adjournment

With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. at Riverpark. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be moved to Baker City Hall.

To Do List

- ▶ Adopt-A-Pathway program-finalize with City Council - Bornstedt & Mosier
- ▶ Cedar Acres Park-purchase playground equipment - Bornstedt
- ▶ Board member terms expire – advertise positions - Bornstedt